

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Aboujaoude, et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3624
Serial No.: 10/757,556	§	
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Confirmation No.: 3034	§	
	§	Examiner:
	§	MANSFIELD, THOMAS L
Filed: January 14, 2004	§	
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	§	
UNIFYING AND SHARING OF	§	
BUSINESS SYSTEMS	§	

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 31, 2008 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 31, 2009 please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that a request for continued examination fee is due in connection with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's credit card account in accordance with the enclosed PTO-2038 form.

In the event that the Commissioner is unable to obtain the necessary fees from counsel's credit card account, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-4802/ATT/2003-0021 for the request for continued examination fee and any other fees, including extension of time and excess claims fees, necessary to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.